The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Please approve the Echostar/Direct TV merger. We are in an area where local channels are not available via satellite. As a result, we are forced to subscribe to cable because we cannot pull these local channels through the air. We prefer to subscribe the satellite because of the numerous viewing options available versus cable offerings. Please approve this merger.

Sincerely,

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